



## Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Meeting

Sheridan County EMS Building  
1717 Oak Avenue (E Hwy 24), Hoxie

August 13, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Butch Post called the August 13, 2012 Northwest Kansas Homeland Security Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Visitors were welcomed.

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	ButchPost, Rooks County
JL Ellis, Fire Service	Keith Haberer, Russell County
Bob McLemore, Fire Service	Jim Fisher, Rush County
Ed Harbin, Law Enforcement	Crissy Livengood, Sherman County
Bill Ring, Emergency Management Deb Kaufman, EMS	Jacque Boltinghouse, Sheridan County Susan McMahan, Thomas County Kathleen Fabrizius, Trego County
Sydnee Beydler, Public Health Tami Wood, Hospitals	Sherry Angell, Fiscal Agent
Al Pietrycha, At Large	
Ryan Murray, Cheyenne County	
Kerry McCue, Ellis County	
George "Pappy" Lies, Gove & Logan County	
Mickie Helberg, Graham County	
Justina Smith, Norton County	
Chris Brown, Phillips County	
Jim Schroeder, Rawlins County	

**Guests Present:** Suzanne LeBlanc, KHP; Eric Pippin, KHP; Jessica Frye, TAG.

**Members Absent:** Jon Quinday; Deb Hays; Gary Winter; Jason Moses; Steve Hirsch, Dale Staab; Toby Prine; Larry Townsend.

Minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Toby Prine, Regional Coordinator, KDEM Report:** No report.

**FY09: EOC Enhancements project, Keith Haberer:** Keith said the Ellis County EOP has been submitted for approval to the state. Bill Ring said that 85 percent of the Ellis County has been signed off on by the state, and the ADA aspects of the plan are the hang ups currently. Discussion was held on the County Operations Plan changes and Bill Ring discussed issues with the Ellis County Plan. EF-m will stay on board to make changes in the EOPs for the 18 counties.

**Communications:** J.L. Ellis said that the medical facilities in the region used NW 13 and NW14 for a radio test and 100 percent responded, he also gave the result of the PSAP test in Northwest Kansas by county.

Training is being held on radio equipment. Many of the school systems are looking to move to the 800 system and the benefits of the school districts using the 800 system was discussed.

Radio training is still available and J.L. has field operation guides for the counties.

Deb Kaufman said that signed transfer agreements have to be signed before radios are issued to counties. She listed the counties that still need transfer agreements signed.

**IMT:** Bob McLemore said all purchased laptops have been distributed. There will be position specific IMT trainings in the Kansas City area. There will be an IMT working group meeting on Wednesday and they will be discussing the Easy IAP for Kansas IMTs, this could be a possible expense to purchase the program.

**Fiscal Agent Report– Project 08 to present:** Sherry Angell passed out copies of signed transfer agreements to counties, also passed out a list of counties that still need MOUs signed.

There has been no activity in FY11, but there is one change, M&A will be accounted for by multi-region and not listed by region.

State mileage reimbursement rate has changed. It is 55 cents per mile for private vehicle and meals costs will be \$11 for breakfast, \$12 for lunch and \$23 for dinner, for in-state training.

**FY 12 robot project:** Max Barrett told the group that the prices for the robots has risen significantly. With the funds that were allotted to the project, the region will only be able to purchase two robots, instead of three.

Bill Ring discussed accessories and that before the robots are purchased it must be put up for bid. The amount approved for the project is \$61,484.

Keith moved to change the project by purchasing two robots and add a wheelie rod and case kit for each one and put them in Russell and Colby. Bob McLemore seconded.

Placement of the two robots was then discussed. It was decided that Colby and Oakley would be asked if they would accept placement of the robots. Motion carried.

**Homeland Security Funding Formula:** Chairman Post explained that the RCCC has set up two committees, a funding formula committee and a strategic plan committee. The funding formula committee has met several times to discuss how the funding will be divided among the regions in Kansas and they have come up with several proposals.

Eric Pippin explained the funding formula that currently exists for the seven regional Homeland Security regions. The Kansas City Metro area asked that the funding formula be examined following the 2010 census. The committee has made five options.

Jessica Frye presented the funding formula working group proposals to the council and answered questions. Following a lengthy discussion Kerry McCue moved to direct RCCC representatives to vote for the following proposals in order: 40% floor; current formula; 30% floor. Bill Ring seconded.

Following discussion on the motion, Bill Ring withdrew his second and Kerry McCue withdrew his motion.

Kerry McCue moved that the three RCCC representatives do the best they can for the region, Bill Ring seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Frye explained that the working group discussed having mandated set asides that must be used for sustaining projects. Bob McLemore made a motion to not support having mandated set asides within the floor amounts, Bill Ring seconded. Motion carried. Bob added that each region should be able to make their own decision on sustainment.

**Homeland Security Strategic Plan:** Chairman Post explained that he serves on the Strategic Plan working group for the RCCC. He said the main discussion of the working group was the challenges of the region councils, long-term viability, how to sustain the councils if funding is depleted and how to sustain current projects. Other topics of discussion included the purpose of the councils, identified goals, legitimacy and the authority of the councils.

The working group felt that policy makers need to be educated on the councils, and that funding needing to transition away from federal grants, and that private entities need to be included as part of the councils.

The following recommendations were made by the working group: adopt the purpose statement, formally adopt goals and objectives, advocacy, self-sustainment and coordination between regions.

The pros and cons of formalization of the region council was discussed, as well as giving the council legal authority.

Bob McLemore said he felt that the council should support the working group purpose statement, but not change our purpose statement.

Discussion was held on the value of the council, including the relationships that have been developed among counties in our region, as well as among disciplines. Bob McLemore suggested that the group agree with a consensus to support the concept of the committee, but that more detail was needed.

Pappy Lies said he would not support formalization of the council, that it would create more requirements to follow.

Kerry McCue said he would not support formalization if it could lead to the counties having to fund the council.

Pappy Lies moved not to support formalization of the region councils, Jacque Boultinghouse seconded, motion carried.

Tami Wood provided copies of the Community and Regional Hospital Work Plans. Hospitals must participate in ESF 8 in their counties. The hospitals will be doing a Regional Exercise in April. Healthcare Coalitions were discussed.

Suzanne LeBlanc said she needed to talk to the FY2012 project chairs following the meeting.

Butch said there is a possibility that a FY11 tower project refund maybe coming to the region. Also he reminded members they should be thinking of projects for next year.

Bill Ring told the group that Ellis County has integrated with the state system and there is an additional tower online.

Chairman Post said there will be an IMT exercise at Crisis City in September and there maybe a chance for IMT shadowing.

Next meeting Monday, November 12, 2012.

Kerry McCue moved to adjourn, seconded by Bill Ring. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Fabrizius, Secretary

**(These minutes are not yet Council approved.)**